

REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough examination of the application. No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this Amendment.

Entry of Amendment

Entry of this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 is respectfully requested because it cancels claims and places the application in condition for allowance. Alternately, entry is requested because it places the application in better form for appeal.

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1 and 2 are pending in the application. Withdrawn claims 3-34 are canceled by this Amendment. Claim 1 has been allowed by the Examiner. Claim 2 has been amended to clarify its language.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts confusion exists regarding the term "copolymer composition." The Examiner notes that the specification

frequently refers to a copolymer by itself as a "composition." However, the Examiner notes that at page 6, lines 12-23 of the specification, a composition is referred to as a blend of two copolymers.

In order to clarify any potential confusion, claim 2 has been amended to be drawn to an ethylene-based copolymer. As a result, claim 2 recites a copolymer in a manner that is clear, definite and has full antecedent basis.

This rejection is overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicants thank the Examiner for fully considering the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 12, 2002 and for making a fully initialed PTO-1449 form of record in the application in the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004.

Foreign Priority

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge foreign priority in the next official action.

Conclusion

The Examiner's rejection has been overcome and all of the Examiner's requirements have been satisfied. No issues remain. The Examiner is accordingly respectfully requested to allow the application.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert E. Goozner, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 42,593) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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